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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7445

BILL NUMBER: HB 1276

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 11, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Feb 7, 2013

SUBJECT: Township Board Meetings.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Niemeyer

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Landske

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) It requires a township board to meet in February (instead of January) to approve the annual report of the township trustee.

The bill also allows a township board to reduce the salaries of the township board members by a vote of a majority of the members (instead of by a unanimous vote of the members).

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) If township board member salaries are reduced as a result of the change in the vote required of a township board to do so, townships would achieve cost savings.

Background: In 2011, based on data from 941 townships, the average township board member pay was \$877. The salaries ranged from \$100 to \$21,369, with the most frequent salary being \$500 paid in 56 townships.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Townships.

Information Sources: Gateway for Indiana Government.

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